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For:

PSEUDO AREA LIGHTS

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

October 12, 2001
Pechnology Center 2600

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000 (Paper No. 21) and is supplemental to the Response filed September 20, 2001. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the abovenoted application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claim is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

1. (Three Times Amended) A method for illuminating surfaces in computer graphics comprising the steps of:

constructing a plurality of finite light sources within a computer animated scene, each of the finite light sources having a finite size and a center;

constructing a plurality of surfaces within the scene, each surface consisting of a plurality of points; and